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### Subpart A—Direct Farm Ownership Loan Policies, Procedures, and Authorizations

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#### § 1943.1 Introduction.

This subpart contains regulations for making initial and subsequent direct Farm Ownership (FO) loans. FO loans may be made to eligible farmers and ranchers, and entities that will manage and operate not larger than family farms. It is the policy of Farm Service Agency (FSA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 to make loans to any qualified applicant without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age or physical/mental handicap provided the applicant can execute a legal contract. Any processing or servicing activity conducted pursuant to this subpart involving authorized assistance to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this chapter. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 employee. See exhibit A of this subpart

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for making FP loans to entrymen on unpatented public lands.

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#### § 1943.2 Objectives.

The basic objective of the FO loan program is to provide credit and management assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to become owners-operators of family-sized farms or to continue such operations when credit is not available elsewhere. Agency or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 assistance enables family-farm operators to use their land, labor and other resources, and to improve their living and financial conditions so that they can obtain credit elsewhere.

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#### § 1943.3 Management assistance.

Supervision will be provided borrowers to the extent necessary to achieve the objectives of the loan and to protect the interests of the Government in accordance with subpart B of part 1924 of this chapter. Such assistance consists of farm, home and non-farm planning, recordkeeping; analyzing the farm and any nonfarm business; and giving management advice.

#### § 1943.4 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following definitions apply:

*Additional security.* Any security beyond that which is required to adequately secure the loan.

*Agency.* The Farm Service Agency, its country and State committees and their personnel, and any successor agency.

*Approval official.* A field official who has been delegated loan and grant approval authorities within applicable loan programs, subject to the dollar limitations contained in tables available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 office.

*Beginning farmer or rancher.* A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who: